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editor

You may have noticed that I am not using the usually pristine page which usually contains editorial material.

This is because I forgot that OPI has to have a page by itself, and I unfortunately must share what is usually a page without advertising content with the ad in the corner of this page.

It is also because the news aspect of this newspaper has gone right round the bend.

There was a time when the Yellin' Rebel was lucky to have three or four news pages.

When I was news editor, I would go absolutely frantic if Carmen (former editor, Carmen Zayas-Dorchak) would ask me to go more than the

usual two pages.

Of course, this was in the bad, old days when we were a broadsheet, but still there is nothing to compare with the issue you are holding in your hands.

The individual responsible for all this news is my News editroid, Steven Kapellas.

The problem with all of these news pages, is that there doesn't seem to be a heck of a lot of romance to them.

There really doesn't seem to be much going on at UNLV that makes headlines.

Oh, sure. There is enough news to make up a good front page, most of the time, but when I look at the news pages, I see stories which could have been done two months ago, or two months hence without too much damage.

I see stories about the faculty, stories about CSUN, and stories about airmen who are going to college.

Where is the crime, the mayhem, the sex, the things that make people want to pick up a newspaper?

When they told me what made a good news story in journalism school, they said it had to have one of three things, sex, violence, or a major effect on the audience.

I can't help but think a major resignation, or sex scandal, or having one of the jets that fly over UNLV daily crash into it, would be a major story which would propel the paper into the annals of college paper history.

But, as a newsman, I have to take what I can get.

We had much the same problem when I worked at the Tonopah Times-Bonanza. If we saw the

town firetruck running up the street, we would be after it like a shot.

If the county commission met, we would be right there in the hopes that some story, any story would break.

We would sit around thinking about what buildings we could put a torch to in order to get some news for the paper.

But, we just went along for the ride and continued to cover pre-pubescent beauty pageants and fishing derbies and the like.

And when something came along, like the time the kids threw rocks at the school buses (they were empty and sitting on the lot) or the heroic tale of some guy rescuing a girl from a burning Winnebago, we were on the case.

The Tonopah Times has since dismissed its entire news staff (all one of them) and has taken to running

as-is press releases — not a bad idea — at least then I could get my editorial page back.

News Flash: Be on the look-out for Eric Larson, who appears to be working on yet another Connection.

This one should be out just in time to complain about yet another election.

Or maybe not. Rumors have it that the approaching Senate race has attracted less than enthusiastic response. This may be Larsen's first victory issue.

Does this mean that I have to run around picking up all the issues and leave them on his front lawn?

Forget it. I have enough trouble delivering my own paper. By the way, if anyone wants to steal the Rebel after the elections this year, I will just leave the keys in the truck, and you can save both parties the trouble of delivering it and picking it up.

—Letters to the Editor—

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Thanks

Dear Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those that made (sic) the second annual Family Fair a success.

To Ric Jimenez and the Entertainment & Programming Committee, who coordinated the entire event, to the administra-

tion for donating their time to "bar-B-Q" the burgers, to the student leaders who sacrificed their valuable class time to serve the "foam," to Marriott for their help and cooperation and thanks to the faculty and students for joining us in making this a truly enjoyable and successful event.

Good Luck to Coach Nunnely and the UNLV Football team:

—Go Rebels—

We hope all of you will help us to continue the tradition of Family Fair, for this type of event builds a community spirit between the students and their university.

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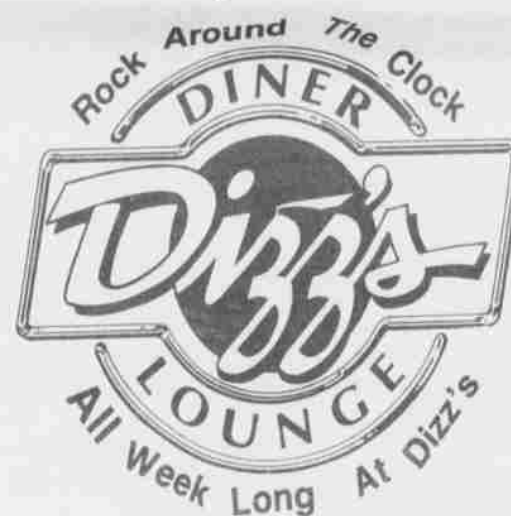
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